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Title: GAMING DEVICE HAVING A CARD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE
MANAGEMENT OF CIRCULATING DATA CARDS
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Examiner: Mark A. Sager
Docket No.: 112300-0612

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due was issued for the above-referenced application on March 27, 2008. Applicant has elected to submit this Request for Continued Examination, before paying such issue fee, for the reasons provided in the Remarks set forth below.

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REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due was issued for the above-referenced application on March 27, 2008. Applicant has elected to submit this Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 before paying such issue fee. The reason for filing this RCE is as follows:

1. Information Disclosure Statement

Based on Applicant's review, the Examiner has considered all of the information disclosure statements filed in this application except for the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") filed on August 6, 2007. In the August 17, 2007 Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that such IDS was improper for lacking certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e). Based on this RCE, Applicant respectfully requests the consideration of such IDS in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4). At the Examiner's request, Applicant will provide a copy of such IDS.

Also, Applicant has enclosed an additional Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("Additional IDS"). The Additional IDS cites, among other references, U.S. Publication Number 2005/0057633 to Meyerhofer ("Meyerhofer"). IGT, the owner of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/661,229, once owned Meyerhofer. At present, IGT has a license interest in Meyerhofer. Based on this RCE, Applicant respectfully requests the entry and consideration of the Additional IDS in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4).

2. Inventorship

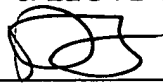
Based on Applicant's review, a change in the inventorship is necessary for this application. Enclosed is a Request to Correct Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a). Based on this RCE, Applicant respectfully requests the entry and consideration of such request.

3. Updating of Cross-Reference

Applicant has submitted an Amendment in conjunction with this RCE. The Amendment includes an updating of the Cross Reference to Related Applications for this application. Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the Amendment.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for all fees due and owing in connection with this RCE. An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this RCE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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